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BUILDING PERMITS FOR MAY, 1932, WITH COMPARATIVE STAITMCNTS FOR APRIL, 1932, AND MAY, 1931, AND CUMUATIVE FIGURES FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1920-1932.

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities during May, 1932, was higher by 24.8 p.c. than in April, 1932, but lower by 56.3 p.c. than in May, 1931. According to statements tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the authorizations amounted to $\$ 5,289,506$ as compared with $\$ 4,237,160$ in the proceding month and $\$ 12,115,291$ in Mey, 1931. The total for the first five months of 1932, namely, $\$ 18,190,794$, was lower then that for the corresponding period of any of the years since 1920. Wholesale prices of building materials were lower in 1932 than in any other year of the record, averaging 79.0 p.c. for the first five monthe as compared with 83.7 p.c. and 92.8 p.c. in the aame periods of 1931 and 1930, respectively.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued over 400 permits for dwellings valued at approximately $\$ 1,250,000$ and for some 2,700 other buildings estimated to cost over 3,800,000. In addition three cities - Brantford, Port Arthur and Moose Jaw - reported that they had authorized ongineering projects valued at approximately $\$ 130,000$. In April, authority was given for the erection of some 400 dwellings and 2,000 other buildings, valued at approximately $\$ 1,100,000$ and $\$ 2,700,000$, respectively.

Quebec, Manítoba and Saskatchewan reported increases of 76.7 p.c., 458.0 p.c. and 86.7 p.c., respectively, in the value of the permits issued as compared with April., 1932. Of the declines in the remaining provinces, that of $\$ 220,001$ or 84.5 poch in New Brunswick was most pronounced.

As compared with Kay, 1931, Manitoba and Saskatchewan registered increases. The other provinces recorded declines, of which that of $\$ 3,452,712$ or $69.6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. In Ontario was most noteworthy.

Of the larger citios, Winnipeg reported a higher total of building permite issued than in either April, 1932, or May, 1931, Montreal registoring a gain compared with April, 1932, but a loss compared with May, 1931. Whilo in Toronto and Vancouver there was a decrease in both comparisons. Of the other centres, Fort Filliam, Kingaton, Port Arthur, Saskatoon and Edmonton recorded increases in the value of the building authorized as compared with both the preceding month and the ame month of last year.

CUMULATIVE RECORD FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS, 1932.
The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities in May and in the first five months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, besed upon the total for 1926 as 100 . The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first ifve months of the seme years are alno given (1926=100).

| Year | Value of Pemits issued in May | Value of Permits issued infirst five months | Indexes of value of permits issued first five months (1926 $=100$ ) | Average indexes of wholesale prices of building materials in first five months (1926 average - 100 ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1932 | \$ 5,289,506 | \$18,190,794 | -30.3 | 79.0 |
| 1931 | 12,115,291 | 50,356,550 | 83.9 | 83.7 |
| 1930 | 20,321,160 | 66,792,498 | 111.2 | 92.8 |
| 1929 | 24,185,738 | 96,792,675 | 161.2 | 99.1 |
| 1928 | 27,515,522 | 79,285,027 | 132.0 | 96.9 |
| 1927 | 20,138,657 | 62,479,480 | 104.1 | 96.7 |
| 1926 | 18,504,296 | 60,042,369 | 100.0 | 101.3 |
| 1925 | 15,520,435 | 50,983,833 | 84.9 | 103.1 |
| 1924 | 14,807,589 | 46,544,689 | 77.5 | 111.3 |
| 1923 | 18,937,638 | 57.946,608 | 96.5 | 111.1 |
| 1922 | 19,527,061 | 54, 040,922 | 90.0 | 102.0 |
| 1921 | 14,460,878 | 41,530,750 | 69.2 | 132.2 |
| 1920 | 13,082,015 | $47,040,916$ | 79.3 | 144.7 | the total for the same period of 1929, the bigh level of the record. The average index number of wholesale prices of building materials, however, was lower than in any of the years oince 1920.


| citios | Vay, 1932 | Aptil, 1932 | May, 1931 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| c-1 1 - | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| P. E. I. - Charlottotown |  |  |  |
| Nova Scotia | 106,340 | 213,207 | 225,530 |
| $x$ Hallfax | 95,230 | 108,256 | 192,150 |
| New Glasgow | 2,450 | 26,250 | 7,005 |
| x Sydney | 8,660 | 78,701 | 26,375 |
| New Brunswick | 40,289 | 260,290 | 206,055 |
| Fredericton | 3.900 | 2,700 | 17.960 |
| $x$ Moncton | 12,390 | 32,140 | 70,590 |
| $\pi$ Saint John | 23.999 | 225,450 | 117.505 |
| Queboc | 1,466,638 | 830,064 | 4.449 .753 |
| $x$ Muntred - x Maimonsaspe | 1.310,691 | 661,312 | 3.639,504 |
| $x$ Quebec | 115.407 | 69.557 | 590.054 |
| Shawinigan Folls | 2,000 | 7,350 | 8,890 |
| $x$ Sherbroole | 19,800 | 17,600 | 46,100 |
| $x$ Three Rivera | 13,415 | 31,970 | 32,505 |
| $x$ Weatmount | 5.325 | 42,275 | 132,700 |
| Ontario | 1510,734 | 1,820,222 | 4,963,446 |
| Belleville | -18,800 | 17,125 | 127.925 |
| * Brantford | 7.507 | 35,361 | 35.154 |
| Chathrm | 8,600 | 9,360 40.850 | 11,300 |
| $x$ Fort William | 63,200 | 40,850 | 36,450 20,045 |
| Galt | 12,438 | 13.151 | 20,045 |
| x Guelph | 16,580 | 11,100 | 24,185 |
| $x$ Hamiltor | 111,000 | 97.750 | 489,000 |
| $x$ Kingston | 108,390 | 88,910 | 71,851 |
| z Kitchener | 19,027 | 137.664 | 73.981 |
| $x$ London | 62,790 | 87.180 | 193.915 |
| Niagara Tall. | 9,802 | 36,002 | 21,740 |
| Oshawa | 5.539 | 8,685 | 8,865 |
| $x$ Ottawa | 131,390 | 144, 775 | 6471255 |
| Owen Sound | 2,200 | 4,600 | 241025 |
| x Peterborough | 16,255 | 11,360 | 371175 |
| $x$ Port Artmar | 156,250 | 17,666 | 311685 |
| $x$ Stratford | 7,428 | 4,200 | 10,593 |
| $x$ St. Catharinea | 14,123 | 11,919 | 18,542 |
| x St. Thonds | 3,874 | 13.750 | 625 |
| Sarnia | 25,407 | 5,035 | 15,675 |
| Sault Sto. Marie | 12,630 | 9,453 | 47,275 |
| $x$ Toronto | 514,482 | 817.173 | 1,701,673 |
| York \& Tast York Tomashtos Melland | 170,628 | 157,188 | 1,184,565 |
| Melland | 3,790 | 21,080 | 34,015 |
| x Windsor East Windsor | 2,945 | 10,625 | 58,640 |
| East Findsor Riverside | 1,090 | Nil | 5,000 |
| Riverside | - | - | 5,075 |
| Sandwich | 900 | 5,650 | 7.625 |
| Walkerville Woodstock | 3,000 | Nil | 3,000 |
| Woodstock | 20,669 | 2,610 | 26,692 |
| Manitoba $\times$ Brandon | 1,107,842 | 198,567 | 577.637 |
| - Brandon | 6.757 | 4,997 | 7.377 |
| x Tinnipeg | 128,335 | 54,370 | 19,260 |
| x Winnipeg | 1,072,750 | 139,200 | 551,000 |
| Saskatchewan $\times$ M Moose Jaw | 355,050 | 195,477 | 266,385 |
| $x$ Moose Jaw | 9,350 | 160,152 | 4,280 |
| $\times$ Regina | 25,695 | 18,175 | 54, 555 |
| $x$ Saskatoon | 330,005 | 17.150 | 207.550 |
| Alberta | 430,633 | 430,986 | 433.652 |
| $x$ Calgary | 14,008 | 250,279 | 213,355 |
| $x$ Edmonton | 346,980 | 160,400 | 190,830 |
| Lethbridge | 9,060 | 12,512 | 25,765 |
| Medicine Hat | 585 | 7.795 | 3,702 |
| British Columbia. | 261,980 | 288,347 | 992,833 |
| Kamloops | 11,375 | 4,080 | 18,964 |
| Nanaimo |  | 1,225 | 3,285 |
| x New Westminster | 15,145 | 8,260 | 54,250 |
| Prince Rupert | 3.965 | 1,020 | 23,250 |
| x Pancouver | 203.465 | 211,950 | 826,910 |
| North Vancouver | 1,700 | 5,490 | 17.784 |
| $x$ Victoria | 26,255 | 56,322 | 48,390 |
| Total - 61 citios | 5,289,506 | 4,237,160 | 12,115,291 |
| $x$ Total - 35 Cities | 4,950,568 | 3,824,429 | 10,436,704 |

